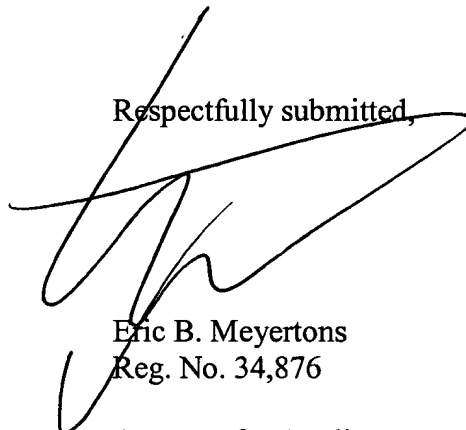Applicant respectfully requests a two-month extension of time. If any further extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. Applicant has submitted a fee authorization in the amount of $ 400.00 for the extension of time fee. If any additional fees are required or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5053-23300/EBM

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What is claimed is:

1. (Amended) A method <u>for processing</u> ~~receiving~~ <u>trading partner transactions</u> comprising:

~~the computer system~~ receiving ~~an~~ <u>at least one</u> incoming transaction from at least one sending trading partner<u>;</u>

<u>translating at least one incoming transaction from a first data format to a second data format;</u>

~~the computer system~~ reading additional information from an administration system in data communication with ~~the~~ <u>a</u> computer system, wherein the additional information is read in response to ~~the computer system~~ receiving ~~an~~ <u>at least one</u> incoming transaction from the at least one sending trading partner, and wherein the additional information is identified by at least one business rule;

~~the computer system~~ generating ~~an~~ <u>at least one</u> outgoing transaction in response to reading the additional information from the administration system; <u>and</u>

~~the computer system~~ sending ~~the~~ <u>at least one</u> outgoing transaction to at least one receiving trading partner<u>.</u>

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ <u>at least one</u> business rule comprises one or more keywords.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ <u>at least one</u> business rule comprises one or more logical operators.

4.   (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ at least one business rule comprises a string of at least one keyword and at least one operator, and wherein ~~the~~ at least one business rule is entered into ~~the~~ a computer system by a user via a user interface.

5.   (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction comprises the additional information read from the administration system.

6.   (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the reading additional information from the administration system in response to ~~the computer system~~ receiving ~~the~~ at least one incoming transaction from the at least one sending trading partner further comprises:
extracting the additional information from the administration system according to search criteria.

8.   (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising: queuing ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction in response to ~~the computer system~~ generating ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction.

9.   (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the computer system~~ receiving ~~the~~ at least one incoming transaction from the at least one sending trading partner further comprises ~~the computer system~~ receiving ~~the~~ at least one incoming transaction from the at least one sending trading partner through an industry clearinghouse system.

10.   (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the computer system~~ sending ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction to ~~the~~ at least one receiving trading partner further comprises ~~the computer system~~ sending ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction to ~~the~~ at least one receiving trading partner through an industry clearinghouse system.

11.   (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising: translating ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction from ~~a first~~ the second data format to a ~~second~~ third data format before sending the outgoing transaction to the at least one receiving trading partner, wherein the ~~second~~

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third data format is an industry standard data format.

12.   (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ at least one incoming transaction is an insurance-related transaction.

13.   (Amended) A system comprising:
a CPU;

a database coupled to the CPU;

an administration system coupled to the CPU;

a memory coupled to the CPU, wherein the memory stores one or more computer programs executable by the CPU; wherein the computer programs are executable to:

> store a trading relationship between trading partners of a transaction, wherein the trading relationship is stored in the database, wherein at least one trading partner is a sending trading partner and at least one trading partner is a receiving trading partner;

> receive at least one incoming transaction from the at least one sending trading partner;

> translate at least one incoming transaction from a first data format to a second data format;

> read additional information from the administration system in response to receiving ~~the~~ at least one incoming transaction from ~~the~~ at least one sending trading partner, wherein the additional information is identified by at least one

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business rule;

generate ~~an~~ at least one outgoing transaction in response to reading the additional
information from the administration system;

send ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction to ~~the~~ at least one receiving trading
partner, wherein ~~the~~ at least one receiving trading partner is identified in the
trading relationship.

14.   (Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein ~~the~~ at least one business rule comprises a
string of at least one keyword and at least one operator, and wherein ~~the~~ at least one business rule
is entered into ~~the~~ a computer system by a user via a user interface.

15.   The system of claim 13, wherein ~~the~~ at least one business rule is defined by a user
through a user interface.

16.   The system of claim 13, wherein receiving ~~the~~ at least one incoming transaction from ~~the~~
at least one trading partner further comprises receiving ~~the~~ at least one incoming transaction from
~~the~~ at least one trading partner through an industry clearinghouse system.

17.   The system of claim 13, wherein ~~the~~ at least one incoming transaction is an insurance-
related transaction.

18.   (Amended) A carrier medium, which stores program instructions, wherein the program
instructions are executable by a computer system to implement the method of:

receiving at least one ~~an~~ incoming transaction from at least one sending trading partner;

translating at least one incoming transaction from a first data format to a second data

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format;

reading additional information from an administration system in response to receiving the incoming transaction from the at least one sending trading partner, wherein the additional information is identified by at least one business rule;

generating ~~an~~at least one outgoing transaction in response to reading the additional information from the administration system;

sending ~~the~~at least one outgoing transaction to at least one receiving trading partner.

19.   The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~at least one business rule comprises one or more keywords.

20.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~at least one business rule comprises one or more logical operators.

21.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~at least one business rule comprises a string of at least one keyword and at least one operator, and wherein ~~the~~at least one business rule is entered into the computer system by a user via a user interface.

22.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~at least one business rule is stored in a database.

23.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein the administration system from which additional information is read is specified by a map, wherein the map comprises a relationship between ~~the~~at least one outgoing transaction and a source for the additional information.

25.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 23, wherein the program instructions are further executable by the computer system to implement generating the map, wherein generating the map comprises:

> selecting one or more source fields, wherein each source field corresponds to the source for the additional information;
> selecting a destination field, wherein each destination field corresponds to ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction.

28.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction comprises the additional information read from the administration system.

29.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein the program instructions are further executable by the computer system to implement storing a schedule in memory, wherein the schedule relates to ~~the~~ at least one incoming transaction, and wherein the schedule comprises a predetermined time for receiving ~~the~~ at least one incoming transaction from the at least one sending trading partner.

30.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein the program instructions are further executable by the computer system to implement storing a schedule in memory, wherein the schedule relates to ~~the~~ at least one incoming transaction, and wherein the schedule comprises a predetermined time for reading the additional information from the administration system.

31.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein the program instructions are further executable by the computer system to implement storing a schedule in memory, wherein the schedule relates to ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction, and wherein the schedule comprises a predetermined time for sending ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction to the at least one receiving trading partner.

32.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein reading additional information from

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the administration system in response to receiving ~~the~~ at least one incoming transaction from ~~the~~ at least one sending trading partner further comprises extracting the additional information from the administration system according to search criteria.

34. (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein the program instructions are further executable by the computer system to implement queuing ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction in response to generating ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction.

35. (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one incoming transaction is received from the at least one trading partner through an industry clearinghouse.

36. (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction is sent to the at least one receiving trading partner through an industry clearinghouse.

37. (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein the program instructions are further executable by the computer system to implement translating ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction from ~~a~~the ~~first~~ second data format to a ~~second~~ third data format before sending ~~the~~ outgoing transaction to ~~the~~ at least one receiving trading partner, wherein the ~~second~~ third data format is an industry standard data format.

38. (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one incoming transaction is an insurance-related transaction.

39. (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction is an insurance-related transaction.

40. (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction is an annuity asset pricing transaction.

41.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction is a positions and valuation focused refresh transaction.

42.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction is a positions and valuation full refresh transaction.

43.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction is an insurance pricing transaction.

44.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one outgoing transaction is a commission settlement transaction.

45.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one sending trading partner is the receiving trading partner.

47.   (Amended) A carrier medium, which stores program instructions, wherein the program instructions are executable by a computer system to implement the method of:

> storing a trading relationship between trading partners of a transaction, wherein at least one trading partner is a sending trading partner and at least one trading partner is a receiving trading partner;

> receiving ~~an~~ at least one incoming transaction from ~~the~~ at least one sending trading partner;

> translating at least one incoming transaction from a first data format to a second data format;

> reading additional information from an administration system in response to receiving the

incoming transaction from the at least one sending trading partner, wherein the additional information obtained is identified by at least one business rule;

generating an-at least one outgoing transaction in response to reading additional information from the administration system;

sending the-at least one outgoing transaction to the at least one receiving trading partner, wherein the at least one receiving trading partner is identified in the trading relationship.

48. (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 47, wherein the-at least one business rule comprises a string of at least one keyword and at least one operator, and wherein the-at least one business rule is entered into the computer system by a user via a user interface.

49. The carrier medium of claim 47, wherein the at least one business rule is stored in a database.

50. (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 47, wherein the-at least one outgoing transaction is an insurance-related transaction.

52. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the-at least one business rule comprises a receiving trading partner identifier.

53. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the-at least one business rule comprises an administration system identifier.

54. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the-at least one business rule comprises a transaction identifier.

55. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the-at least one business rule comprises a

transaction status.

56.   (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ at least one business rule comprises a sending trading partner identifier.

57.   (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ at least one business rule is entered into a database.

58.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one business rule comprises a receiving trading partner identifier.

59.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one business rule comprises an administration system identifier.

60.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one business rule comprises a transaction identifier.

61.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one business rule comprises a transaction status.

62.   (Amended) The carrier medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ at least one business rule comprises a sending trading partner identifier.